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Dear Interested Public,

The Ely District Office is beginning planning and scoping for a proposed Integrated Weed Management Plan. Our records indicate that you are an interested party for this type of project. The proposed action will lay out the strategy of the Ely District to address noxious and non-native invasive weed education, prevention, inventory and treatment. The integrated approach will include weed prevention operating procedures and a variety of treatment options. This plan will also serve as a programmatic document for herbicide use within the Ely District including treatments in designated Wilderness or Wilderness Study Areas. No treatments within threatened or endangered species habitat would be authorized in this proposed document.

Noxious and non-native, invasive weeds are a major threat to ecosystem health throughout the Great Basin and Mojave Deserts. In most situations these weeds easily out-compete native plants, forming dense monotypic stands. These stands can alter soil chemistry leading to changes in plant community composition. Wildland fire frequency and size has increased in areas of heavy invasive annual grass infestation. These grass species provide fine fuels for fire in plant communities that, historically, rarely burned. These changes to the natural vegetation then in turn affect wildlife habitat, wild horse forage, rangeland health, and recreational opportunities.

Please contact Bonnie M. Million, Noxious and Invasive Weeds Specialist, by August 29, 2008 if: (1) you would like to submit comments on the goals of these projects or to suggest options; or (2) you would like to remain on the mailing list to continue participating in the planning process. Contacts can be made by telephone at (775) 289-1800 or at the address listed on the letterhead.

Please note if you do not respond by the date above, you will not receive further mailings about this project. However, all projects and their planning status are posted on the Ely District Office's website: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office.html and click on Information and then NEPA.

Thank you in advance for your input and participation in the external scoping process.

Sincerely,

Michael Herder
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Ely District